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WHITE HOUSE FOR ADVANCE OFFICE-CAVANEY AND NSC-SOLOMON

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRAVEL - PREADVANCE TEAM

REF: A. STATE 267212; B. PEKING 2153

1. ON NOVEMBER 12 WE GAVE MFA PROTOCOL THE ANSWERS,
PER REFTEL A, TO QUESTIONS TANG/LUNG-PIN HAD ASKED ON THE
11TH (REF B) AND INFORMED THEM THAT APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN RATHER THAN

EIGHT ADVANCE TEAM PERSONNEL WERE NOW PLANNING TO ARRIVE
ON THE PROPOSED C-135 FLIGHT 22 NOVEMBER.

2. WE ALSO INFORMED MFA THAT CONTRARY TO THE INITIAL
PLAN, THE PROPOSED C-141 FLIGHT ON THE 23RD WOULD DEPART ON
THE SAME DATE AFTER DELIVERING COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
AND PERSONNEL, SO THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO PLAN ACCOMMODATIONS
FOR ITS CREW. (MFA WAS ALREADY CLEAR FROM OUR NOVEMBER
11 DISCUSSION ON THE POINT THAT THE C-135 FLIGHT ON THE
22ND WOULD BE A ONE DAY IN-AND-OUT; ON THE CREW ACCOMMODATIONS
QUESTION REFTEL B MENTIONED ONLY THE VC-137 (NOV. 19-22)
AND C-141 FLIGHTS).

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3. WE DO NOT RPT NOT AT THIS POINT CONCLUDE THAT PRC

AUTHORITIES WILL TURN DOWN THE C-135 FLIGHT. HOWEVER, MFA OFFICIAL (TANG'S ASSISTANT) WHO TOOK OUR MESSAGE ABOUT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON THIS FLIGHT MAY RPT MAY HAVE DROPPED ANOTHER HINT THAT CHINESE WONDER WHY WE THINK THIS FLIGHT IS NECESSARY. WHEN TOLD THERE WOULD BE NO CARGO BUT THERE WOULD NOW BE THIRTEEN PASSENGERS, HE REMARKED "ONLY THIRTEEN?" WE SPECULATE THAT CHINESE MAY HAVE THOUGHT WE WOULD USE COMMERCIAL AIR TO BRING IN SOME ADVANCE PERSONNEL, AND ALLOCATED SOME CAAC SEATS FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE EXPECT TO HAVE ANOTHER SESSION WITH TANG WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO AND WILL TRY FOR A CLEAR READING OF CHINESE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE C-135 FLIGHT, THE ONLY ONE ABOUT WHICH THEY HAVE MADE ANY COMMENT.

4. IN NOVEMBER 12 CONVERSATION, TANG'S ASSISTANT ALSO ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION THAT THE VC-137, C-135 AND C-141 FLIGHTS WERE THE ONLY ONES WE WERE PLANNING UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY. USLO POLCOUNS SAID HE BELIEVED THESE WERE THE ONLY ONES IN THE "ADVANCE CATEGORY", BUT PROMISED TO CHECK. PLEASE ADVISE.
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